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For: POLYACRYLAMIDE HYDROGEL AND ITS USE AS AN ENDOPROSTHESIS

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING  
PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

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Sir:

Responsive to the attached copy of U.S. Patent and Trademark Office "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application" ("Notice") mailed September 26, 2001, Applicants submit herewith a signed Declaration. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that a filing date of August 27, 2001, be granted to this application.

A Preliminary Amendment enclosing an Abstract of the Disclosure, also required by the Notice, is filed herewith.

A check in the amount of \$130.00 is enclosed for the fee for late filing of the Declaration. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the PTO charges, including extension of time petitions, please charge or credit any difference to Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,

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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

### *Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- An abstract was not provided for this application. An abstract of the technical disclosure is required under 37 CFR 1.72(b).

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